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LB 970, 1073

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, this bill essentially does two things. The first section repeals the Nebraska statutes that requires Class I schools conduct a vote if the district wished to implement a tax levy over 42 cents per \$100 valuation. And the second section would require Class Is to have their books audited by a certified public accountant every three years. At the current time, they do not have this and it would improve the...it would lower the return rate of Class I district books due to mistakes. At the present time, there is a large error rate, over 50 percent of the annual financial reports. They felt this was reasonable to require, the amount of money that most Class Is handle, to have an audit, in this case, every three years. It would go only to the State Department of Education and would not be required to go to the Auditor, State Auditor. And I would urge your advancement of this bill for these reasons.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Wehrbein, there are no lights on, so we will vote on the advancement of LB 970 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please vote. Have you all voted? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, I guess...Mrs. now, Madam Speaker, I would ask for a call of the house...oh, here's one.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Call of the house has been requested. All those in favor...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Oh, there it came. I got 25, I'll let it go.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 970, Madam President.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 970 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 1073.

CLERK: LB 1073 was a bill introduced by Senators Wesley and Baack. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12, referred to Education, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Withem, on the committee amendments to LB 1073.